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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING ELECTRONIC  
CONFERENCE

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 18, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on December 18, 2008, and which has been extended by the enclosed Request for Extension of Time set to expire on March 18, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.